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EPIDEMIC NOTES.

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PLAGUE.

PORTUGAL—*Oporto*.—From October 6 to 12 the daily report of plague cases and deaths was as follows: 3, 1; 6, 1; 4, 0; 5, 0; 3, 1; 9, 0; 6, 3. The number of cases has considerably increased during the last few weeks, while the number of deaths is relatively small. Of the 9 cases reported to October 11, 5 were designated as severe.

MOZAMBIQUE—*Magde*.—According to advices of September 23, 44 cases in all were reported and have all terminated fatally. The epidemic was apparently extinct at that date. The Portuguese Government had ordered the huts and household effects of the plague patients to be burned and strict measures of inspection to be taken.

BRAZIL—*Santos*.—According to advices of October 19, 2 cases of plague and 1 suspect case were officially reported.

CHOLERA.

TURKEY—*Bassorah*.—During the early part of October cholera broke out in the vilayet of Bassorah. Many cases occurred in the southern quarter of the city and in the date plantations situated to the southward of the city. It is believed that the disease was an importation from the Kurrachee or Djovadir.

BRITISH INDIA—*Calcutta*.—During the week ended September 23, 4 cholera deaths occurred.

CURRENT QUARANTINE MEASURES.

PLAGUE.

GERMANY—*Bavaria*.—By order of the ministry of the interior, dated October 12, the Hygienic Institute at Munich was first designated as the place at which all investigations relative to plague cases should be made. Later, the institutes of Wurzburg and Erlangen were included. The directors of these institutes have been supplied with the printed plans issued by the imperial health bureau.

Oldenburg.—The instructions issued by the imperial health bureau relative to the nature of plague and the measures to be taken in regard to it have been officially supplied to the medical authorities. Medical officers have been directed to communicate to the imperial health bureau, by telegraph, the appearance of any suspicious case. Examination of suspected plague material is to be made, for the principalities of Lubeck and Birkenfeld, at the hygienic institutes of Kiel and Bonn, respectively; for the principality of Oldenburg, at the imperial health bureau.

Saxe-Meiningen.—The bacteriological verification of suspected plague has been officially assigned to the institute at Jena.

Anhalt.—Bacteriological verification of suspected plague is to be made by the imperial health bureau.

BELGIUM.—By order of the ministry of agriculture, the quarantine restrictions ordered against vessels arriving direct from Mediterranean and Adriatic ports and ports of the archipelago, as well as the French and Spanish ports on the Atlantic coast from the Straits of Gibraltar to the island of Quessant, are removed.